

are associated with the diocese which provides innumerable benefits ranging from spiritual guidance and charity to education and health services for everyone in the community.

The diocese is comprised of a myriad of ethnic communities. Catholic German and Irish immigrants settled in northeast Ohio in the early 1800's. Later, immigrants from eastern and southern Europe made their home there. In the early 1900's, many immigrants from Mexico and, following World War II, immigrants from Puerto Rico moved to the area to work in the steel mills. The diverse ethnic groups of the diocese are united as a family in their common religious beliefs and goodwill toward each other and the rest of the community in spite of social, economic, or racial differences. This diversity cherished and celebrated as an asset to the diocese.

Upholding a longstanding tradition of goodwill, the people of the diocese work together to serve over 600,000 people annually in Catholic hospitals, charities, and agencies. Over \$80 million worth of health and human services is provided each year through these organizations. Furthermore, 70,000 students from all socio-economic levels are educated in Catholic-affiliated schools including the 146 elementary schools, 23 high schools, 2 seminaries, and several colleges and universities in the northeast Ohio area.

Events catering to different constituencies of the diocese are planned throughout the year to celebrate this landmark anniversary. A "Celebration on the Mall" in Cleveland, scheduled for August 17, 1997, will feature the multicultural aspects of the community. Dancing, arts, games, food, and a major liturgical event will fill the day culminating in a fireworks display in the evening.

My fellow colleagues, please join me in praising the Catholic diocese of Cleveland, a diverse, charitable, and faithful family dedicated to the improvement of and inextricably united to the northeast Ohio community.

A SESQUICENTENNIAL TRIBUTE TO THE SIN SINAWA DOMINICAN CONGREGATION OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

HON. THOMAS M. BARRETT

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. BARRETT of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, it is with pride today that I pay tribute to an assembly of women, indomitable women, on the occasion of their sesquicentennial anniversary. As the Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters celebrate 150 years of mission and ministry, I would like to take a moment to reflect on and to honor their tradition and their vision.

Founded on August 4, 1847, by the Reverend Samuel Charles Mazzuchelli, O.P., in Sinsinawa, WI, the order identified education as its primary mission. Acknowledging the power of knowledge, the sisters committed themselves to taking education to immigrant and minority populations throughout Wisconsin, into northern Illinois, and Minnesota.

By the 1870's, the Sinsinawa Dominicans brought their talents to Milwaukee County, eventually teaching in 11 city and suburban schools, including St. Rose Grade School and Dominican High School where their education mission continues today.

In the ensuing years, the Sinsinawa Dominicans continued to make education a priority. While living among the people whom they served, they saw discrimination, they saw poverty, they saw abuse. In typical Dominican fashion, they committed themselves to "an intentional focus on justice as essential to Dominican mission. We will work for justice and peace through our ministries, with an emphasis on issues concerning race, women and children, the Church and ecology." (Chapter Directions, 1994).

In 1997, 150 years after Father Mazzuchelli accepted the first 4 Sinsinawa Dominican Sisters into the order, these extraordinary women, who now serve in 83 dioceses throughout the United and abroad, continue to bring the power of learning to young and old, to native and immigrant. But now rededicated to community justice, the sisters also work among us as healers, as advocates for women and children, as lawyers, as literacy proponents, as writers of and makers of our common history.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Dominican women in Milwaukee, in Wisconsin, and throughout the world as they celebrate their remarkable history. May they look to their future with confidence, and with the gratitude of communities everywhere.

U.S. ASSISTANCE TO THE PALESTINIANS

HON. MICHAEL P. FORBES

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. FORBES. Mr. Speaker, I applaud the House, especially my good friend JIM SEXTON, who has been a leader in Middle East issues, in adopting the Forbes-Saxton amendment that temporarily suspends U.S. assistance to the Palestinian Authority and PLO until the President can report and certify that they are complying with various elements of the Oslo accords and other human rights. It's the right amendment at the right time. As a member of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, I am in a unique position to follow the progress of the Middle East peace process in great detail and have done so since coming to Congress 3 years ago. My friends, it is with great disappointment that I report to you—there hasn't been any progress. Since the signing of the Oslo accords in 1993, have we had peace? Have the Palestinian Authority and the PLO lived up to their commitments in the Oslo accords? No we have not and no they have not.

Year after year, the violations and gross misconduct of the Palestinian Authority and PLO continue to grow. History is sometimes a cruel, but honest teacher. We can never allow politics of the moment to obscure the essential facts: The Palestinian Authority and the PLO openly violate the Oslo accords and continue to disregard the human rights of Israelis and Americans in Israel.

Yesterday we witnessed the brutal bomb explosion in Israel killing at least 13 and wounding more than 150. Hamas later claimed responsibility. Living with this kind of senseless violence is unbearable for all in the region and my deepest condolences go out to those who

lost a loved one in the explosion. This latest example of terrorism leads me to ask the question—why isn't there peace between the Israelis and Palestinians? Since the Oslo accords in 1993, the world has witnessed rioting and bombs exploding in the streets of Israel, buses exploding, and Prime Ministers assassinated. With the stroke of a pen or an impassioned speech, one man could help restore peace to the region—Yassir Arafat. Instead, his silence and inaction has allowed the spigot of violence to flow. With the passage of the Forbes-Saxton amendment, the House is rejecting the policies of Arafat, an international terrorist.

For the benefit of all who are following this debate, allow me to summarize some of the more egregious violations and examples of blatant misconduct by the Palestinian Authority and the PLO. There's no question about it—Arafat has blood on his hands. I ask you why should we squander taxpayer money on a regime that has since September 1993, the signing of the Oslo accords:

First, Arafat announced that he was setting aside seats in his cabinet for representatives of four terrorist groups: Hamas, Islamic Jihad, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine. In January 1997, Arafat appointed Imad Halouji, a Hamas activist from Gaza, as a Minister Without Portfolio; and Arafat named Sheikh Talal Sidr, a Hamas activist from Hebron, as Minister of Youth and Sports. He was one of the Hamas terror leaders deported to Lebanon in 1992 by Prime Minister Rabin.

Second, Arafat's cabinet announced, on May 3, 1997, that it would impose the death penalty for any Arab who sells land to Jews. During the weeks following the announcement, 3 Arab landsellers were found murdered.

Third, there has never been an overall disarmament of the terrorists or seizure of the tens of thousands of illegal weapons in the hands of private Arab citizens in PLO-controlled areas. Arafat has estimated that there are 26,000 such weapons in Gaza alone, according to other estimates, there are 40,000.

Fourth, the PLO has not honored any of Israel's requests for extradition.

Fifth, Palestinian Arab newspapers that fail to toe the Arafat line are shut down. During the past 2 years, 6 newspapers have all suffered this fate. The U.S. group, Human Rights Watch found that the PLO regime "has often acted in an arbitrary and repressive fashion, carrying out large numbers of political arrests, censoring the press, and failing to conduct credible investigations into suspected abuses."

Sixth, the PLO's Palestine National Council [PNC] has not revised or annulled the articles in the PLO National Covenant that conflict with the Israel-PLO accords.

Seventh, the Palestinian Authority has failed to adhere to security provisions of the January 17, 1997 Hebron accord. According to the agreement, the Palestinians may have a total of up to 400 policemen, equipped with 20 vehicles and armed with 200 pistols, and 100 rifles for the protection of the police stations. The PA has deployed approximately 1,500 policemen in Hebron, nearly four times the number permitted under the agreement.

If you choose to dismiss the violations I've mentioned, and keep in mind these are only a few, one thing is certain—the practice of murdering Palestinians for selling land to Jews is

a violation of international norms and practices and the spirit of the Oslo agreements, casting strong doubt whether the Palestinians are in compliance with any of their commitments to Israel. Any kind of U.S. encouragement or tolerance for this practice by the most senior leadership of the Palestinians Authority is unacceptable. Sending taxpayer money to help sustain a killer like Arafat should not be the policy of the U.S. Government.

Personally, I would like to eliminate all assistance for the Palestinians, however, I offered this amendment because it is the right amendment at the right time. The State Department has failed the peace process by allowing Arafat's reign of terror to continue and by not demanding better compliance. I don't want to see the Israelis and Palestinians retreat from the principle of peace so an immediate prohibition of assistance may not be in order just yet. However, there are too many violations and instances of misconduct on the part of the Palestinians for us as a nation to ignore. We need to step back and reexamine what we're getting for our money. Are we getting an honest peace partner who respects its commitments to the Oslo accords? Is the U.S. assistance furthering the peaceful coexistence of Israelis and Palestinians? Currently, this is not the case.

That's why it is necessary to suspend aid to the Palestinian Authority and PLO for 3 months until the President can report and certify to Congress that yes, indeed, the Palestinians are complying with the letter and the spirit of the Oslo accords. Nothing more nothing less. We're not imposing new requirements on the Palestinians, merely asking them to play by the rules they agreed to in 1993 when they signed the Oslo accords.

It is important that my colleagues in the House are aware of the objective of this amendment. It is intended to suspend aid benefiting the Palestinian Authority and the PLO. Currently, the United States does not provide direct assistance to the Palestinian Authority or PLO, however, there are instances where U.S. assistance has been provided to them through a third party. Earlier this year, USAID was prepared to award a \$1.2 million contract for the purpose of providing technical assistance to the Palestinian Authority's Ministry of Finance. Recent reports of vast corruption within the Palestinian Authority worries me. Up to \$340 million, half the Palestinian Authority's budget, is estimated to have been misspent or embezzled. Does the Palestinian Ministry of Finance really deserves \$1.2 million in technical assistance? Talk about throwing good money after bad.

This amendment is intended to suspend the type of assistance where the Palestinian Authority or the PLO are benefiting from the assistance. The amendment is not intended to cut off all humanitarian assistance to the Palestinian people. To accommodate any reservations members may have about this amendment cutting off humanitarian assistance, it is our intention that the executive branch consult with Congress in determining what constitutes assistance benefiting the PLO or the Palestinian Authority. This is a reasonable, good government approach. Until we can be guaranteed compliance by the Palestinians, aid should be suspended. U.S. aid to the Palestinian Authority equals U.S. tolerance to terrorist acts in the Middle East.

I congratulate my colleagues for supporting this amendment. It will help get the peace

process back on track and will allow the President to verify that no U.S. assistance is making its way into the Palestinian Authority or the PLO or any of its affiliated entities.

REMEMBERING DR. DOLORES DYER

HON. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and reflect upon the life of a friend and a great lady from Dallas. Dr. Dolores Dyer. Her faithful service to the citizens of Dallas affected and benefited the lives of those whom she came in contact with.

Despite dropping out of high school, Dolores accomplished many of her goals and received many accolades. Against all the odds, at the age of 30, she enrolled in the University of North Texas. Through her hard work and perseverance she graduated with highest honors while being named the recipient of the Outstanding Student Award. After being awarded a merit scholarship, she continued to pursue her graduate degree in psychology at Southern Methodist University. Because of her diligence, she was awarded a fellowship by the National Institute of Mental Health to attend the University of Texas at Austin to pursue a degree in clinical psychology. In 1973, she was awarded her doctorate by the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Dr. Dyer began her service for the community immediately after receiving her doctorate. She interned for 30 months at local Dallas mental health centers around the city. Not seeking public praise or approval, Dolores was drawn to a calling of servitude. She wanted to work with people that needed her help the most. As a result of her desire to serve, mental health issues became the area that was closest to her heart. She gave her time, voluntarily, to fight for those whom were unable to fight for themselves.

For 20 years she worked with the Mental Health Association while leading committees on adults with mental illnesses and the Child and Family Guidance Clinic. For her years of dedicated service she was awarded the Prism Award/Pam Bluementhal Memorial Mental Health Award given to an outstanding professional. One of her most meaningful projects, was her tireless work on the mental health aspects of the future Dallas health plan. This plan will not only benefit this generation, but will ensure that health issues for the future will still protect those whose voice can not be heard.

Mr. Speaker I ask all of my colleagues to rise with me in this tribute. The greatest leaders are the greatest servants, let us take a moment to remember a great leader, woman, and friend, Dr. Dolores Dyer, a woman who embodies the spirit of service.

TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 31, 1997

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, this text was written as a letter to Anna Kate and future grandchildren so that they could know a little about their grandfather's work. Later when I was asked to eulogize Mal it became my text.

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Mal died yesterday. He had worked with us since the beginning. I got to know him in the '92 campaign. He was on the list of Wayne County Republicans that called in February 1992 about my campaign. I did such calling in all 22 1st district counties. Most led to no where but a rare few led to real recruitments, loyal GOP soldiers who raise money, put up signs, stuff envelopes, host parties, display bumper stickers, introduce me to VIPs, organize the county and do whatever needed to be done. Finding such a recruitment took about 20 calls and 5 false workers. Mal proved to be true. He asked me a barrage of traditional conservative litmus test questions on school prayer, abortion, education, gun control and so forth. Once satisfied that I had his philosophical interest he volunteered- 100% and became my foremost Wayne county contact. He did all of the above and was as happy as I was when we won the seat.

Months later while organizing the office another friend and supporter Brit Gaston was counseling me on hiring. When he called Mal for the interview he missed Mal but got his telephone recording: "Thank you for calling the Wayne County Headquarters of Jack Kingston for Congress. We're not in right now . . ." Brit's comment was that there were few such loyal folks. Mal became our Waycross manager.

He served there until Waycross was reapportioned back to the 8th district. Then he ran the Brunswick office.

He was a great detail man, often doing dry runs on various routes to determine exact time for scheduling. He never let a crumb fall to the floor. In our various rounds constituents constantly came up with social security, veteran, legal, IRS request and so on. Mal would whip out his tiny book get names, telephone numbers, addresses and the nature of the inquiries. Most of these people were unconnected common men not giving to titles, business cards and attorneys, but they were in good hands with Mal. In a time when Republicans were painted by Democrats and the press for being elitist and lofty it was extremely important for folks to know we were approachable and available to help serve them. With Mal I never heard a complaint, but wage earner, unemployed and itinerant would come up to me praising his work. In truth he did it not for politics or compensation but for God.

His eyes for detail served us well. One of my goals is to personally know lots of people. Unfortunately its beyond my feeble memory to do so. Seeing people briefly once or twice a year is insufficient to imprint their face indelibly on my brain. Mal however covered this. He'd write me notes—"Please call Joan Smith (sister to Perry Smith you saw him at the Patterson Lyons Club BQ last year. He was wearing the funny green hat and talked to you about his tobacco barn) about her mothers Social Security claim." or else, "When you write Bob Jones to thank him for the turnip greens please remember to congratulate him on winning the Pierce County Young Farmer of the Year." He knew what to say.